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I would like to encourage you to rethink the settlement with MS. One disturbing section would allow Microsoft to withhold code to non-profit organizations such as SAMBA.org. This would effectively allow MS to monopolize the business server business.

as quoted from Kringly;

" Section III(J)(2) contains some very strong language against not-for-profits. Specifically, the language says that it need not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business: "... (c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business, ..."

This is a ludicrous section - effectively using the DoJ to firm up it's monopoly since Microsofts biggest competitor depends on non profits. This competitor is another non-profit called LINUX which has become very important in the world of advanced science and engineering. The LINUX operating system has given the scientific world a low cost way of building supercomputers using clustering. It is imperative that the LINUX operating system is not impacted negatively by the DoJ. The development of new medicines, semiconductors, aircraft and transportation will depend more and more on LINUX based systems. This effective gutting will make it difficult for the LINUX operating system to thrive in a Microsoft world.

Please include my comments as a non-computer professional and scientist

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